

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

--25. (Newly Added). A process for inhibiting the growth of microorganisms in a pesticide suspension, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a container for containing a pesticide suspension;
- b) applying a biocide combination of peracetic acid, hydrogen peroxide, and water to one or more surfaces of said container that will contact said pesticide suspension when said pesticide suspension is contained within said container; and
- c) introducing said pesticide suspension into said container,
whereupon said pesticide suspension contacts at least one of said surfaces having said biocide combination applied thereto.

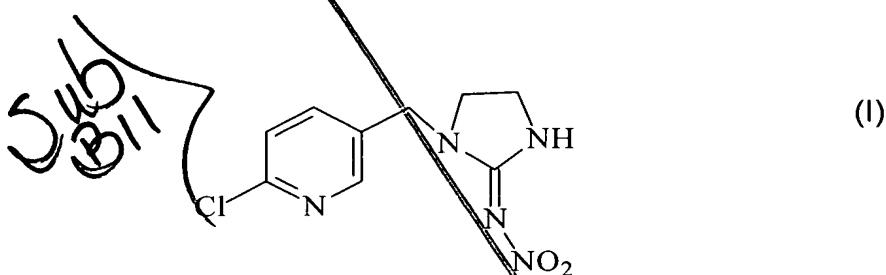
26. (Newly Added). The process of Claim 25 wherein the biocide combination comprises from about 0.05% to about 1.0% by weight of the pesticide suspension.

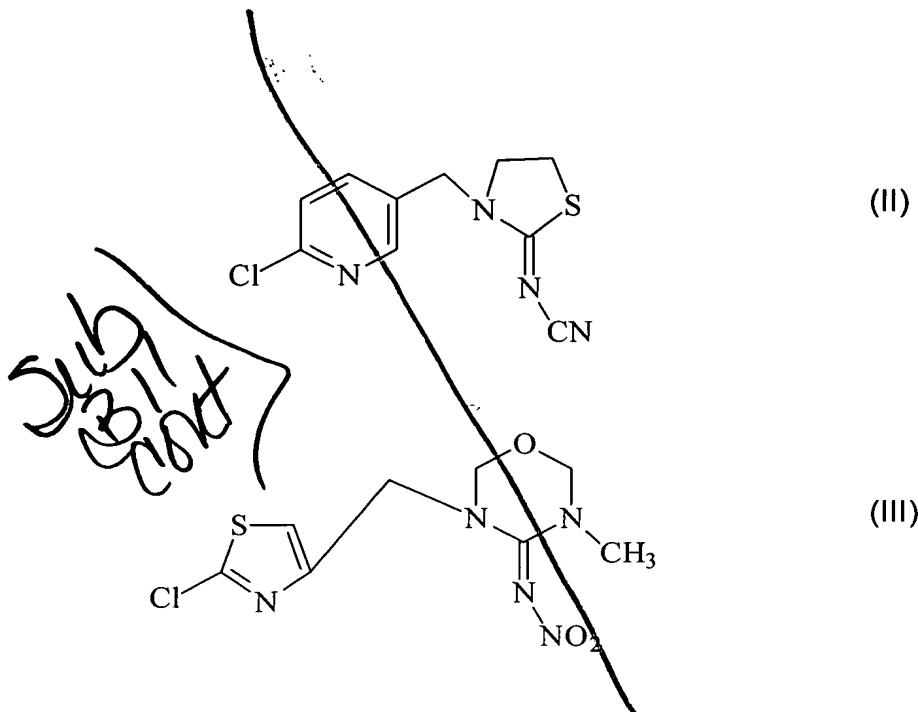
27. (Newly Added). The process of Claim 25 wherein the biocide combination comprises from about 3.0% to about 7.0% by weight of peracetic acid, from about 19.0% to about 25.0% by weight of hydrogen peroxide, and from about 68% to about 78% by weight of water, wherein the total composition by weight is 100%.

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B1A~~ 28. (Newly Added). The process of Claim 25 wherein the pesticide is selected from the group consisting of an insecticide, a herbicide, and a fungicide.

29. (Newly Added). The process of Claim 28 wherein the insecticide is selected from the group consisting of chloronicotinyls and chlorothiazoles.

30. (Newly Added) The process of Claim 28 wherein the insecticide is selected from the group consisting of the following general formulas (I), (II), and (III).





31. (Newly Added) The process of Claim 28 wherein the herbicide is metribuzin.

32. (Newly Added). The process of Claim 28 wherein the fungicide is tebuconazole.

33. (Newly Added) A process for inhibiting the growth of microorganisms in a pesticide suspension, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing one or more surfaces;
- b) applying a biocide combination of peracetic acid, hydrogen peroxide, and water to at least a portion of at least one surface of said one or more surfaces;
- c) contacting one or more of said portions of said one or more surfaces having said biocide combination applied thereto with a pesticide suspension.

34. (Newly Added). The process of Claim 33 wherein the biocide combination comprises from about 0.05% to about 1.0% by weight of the pesticide suspension.

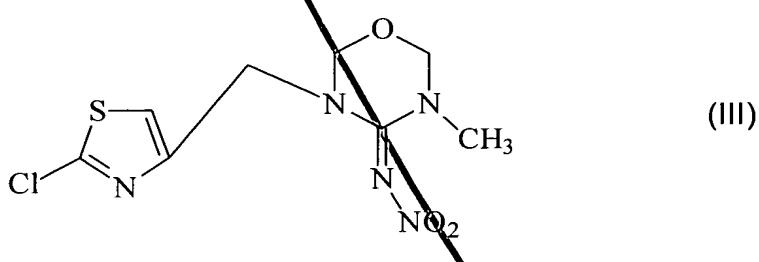
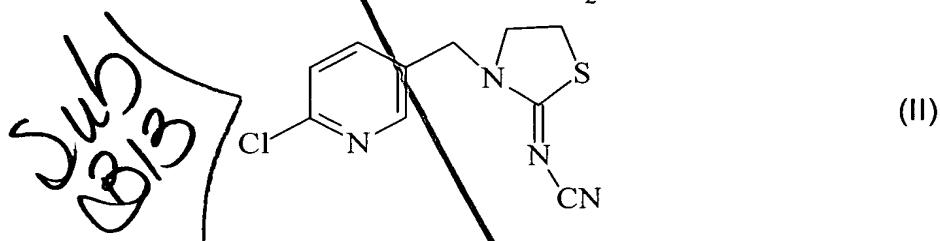
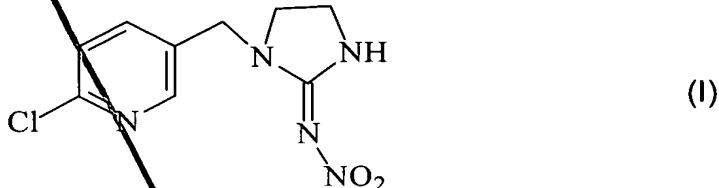
35. (Newly Added). The process of Claim 33 wherein the biocide combination comprises from about 3.0% to about 7.0% by weight of peracetic acid, from about 19.0% to about 25.0% by weight of hydrogen peroxide, and from about 68% to about 78% by weight of water, wherein the total composition by weight is 100%.

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36. (Newly Added). The process of Claim 33 wherein the pesticide is selected from the group consisting of an insecticide, a herbicide, and a fungicide.

37. (Newly Added) The process of Claim 36 wherein the insecticide is selected from the group consisting of chloronicotinyls and chlorothiazoles.

38. (Newly Added) The process of Claim 36 wherein the insecticide is selected from the group consisting of the following general formulas (I), (II) and (III).



39. (Newly Added). The process of Claim 36 wherein the herbicide is metribuzin.

40. (Newly Added) The process of Claim 36 wherein the fungicide is tebuconazole.--